



## **E-NEWSLETTER**

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**Welcome to our new E-newsletter subscribers!**

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### **MAYOR GARDNER'S REPORT**

On Wednesday at the School of Innovation, Council President Hallum, Police Chief Naegele, Fire Lieutenants DiMattia and Vencl, and I met with other community leaders from the area, the Willoughby Eastlake City School District leadership team and School Board members John Roskos and Krista Bair to help the School District plan for the future. Wednesday's meeting, one that Superintendent Ward and his team are having with many other community stakeholders, focused on an interactive group discussion to provide input about the necessary skills and attributes that all students of the District should have by the time they graduate. I am grateful to Superintendent Ward and his team for reaching out to us (and many other community organizations and leaders) to proactively engage with stakeholders about the future of our schools. Dr. Ward promised an update with the results of these meetings in March of next year. The District will also be hosting an Open House for Senior Residents in early December. See page 8 of this newsletter for details.

Thanks to John and Carol Lillich for leading the most recent nature walk in the Hach-Otis State Nature Preserve. I hope that everyone that attended enjoyed learning a bit more about one of the real treasures of Willoughby Hills.

Please plan to attend the City's Veteran's Day Program at 11:00 A.M. next Saturday, November 11, 2023 in the O'Ryan Room of the Community Center. This year's featured speaker will be Pastor Joe Schillero from the New Promise Church in Kirtland. Thanks to Willoughby Hills VFW Post #4358 Commander Dave Broadwater and his team for putting together this outstanding program to honor our Veterans.

A couple of notes for this weekend: Photo contest entries are due at the Community Center between 10 AM and noon tomorrow. The last City Shred Day of 2023 is also tomorrow at City Hall, starting at 9 AM and wrapping up at 12:00 noon. Lastly, don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday night and change your smoke detector and CO detector batteries.

Have a great weekend!

## **CITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Saturday, November 4, 2023**

PAPER SHRED DAY

9:00 A.M.—Noon—City Hall Parking Lot

### **Saturday, November 4, 2023**

PHOTO CONTEST ENTRIES DUE

10:00 A.M.—Noon—Community Center

### **Monday, November 6, 2023**

WORKING COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

### **Tuesday, November 7, 2023**

ELECTION DAY

Polls Open from 6:30 A.M.—7:30 P.M.

### **Thursday, November 9, 2023**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

### **Friday, November 10, 2023**

CITY HALL CLOSED

### **Friday, November 10, 2023**

PHOTO CONTEST RECEPTION

### **Saturday, November 11, 2023**

VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

11:00 A.M.—Community Center

### **Tuesday, November 14, 2023**

BZA MEETING—CANCELED

8:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

### **Thursday, November 16, 2023**

PC-ABR MEETING

7:00 P.M.—Council Chambers

### **Saturday, November 18, 2023**

WHPD & MARC'S FOOD DRIVE

10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.—Marc's (27505 Chardon Road)



**November 4, 2023**

**9:00 AM—Noon**

**City Hall Parking Lot**

Remember to turn your clocks back this weekend AND check your smoke alarms to see if batteries need to be replaced!



**STEP 1:**

Turn your clocks back one hour.

**STEP 2:**

Test your smoke alarms.



### **Election Day Information**

Don't forget - Election Day is Tuesday, November 7th. Polls are open from 6:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M. Be sure to check out [VoteOhio.gov](https://VoteOhio.gov) beforehand and "know before you go!" This site was created by the Ohio Secretary of State's office and is a wonderful resource for all things election-related - including ballot language, explanation, arguments for and against, and the full text of the statewide issues.



Please join the Willoughby Hills Veterans Memorial Commission &  
VFW Post #4358

## **Veterans Day Ceremony**

### **Saturday, November 11, 2023**

### **11:00 A.M.**

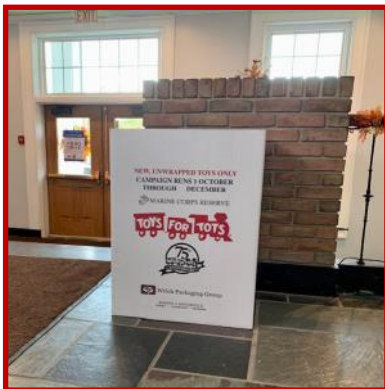
**Willoughby Hills Community Center's O'Ryan Room**

Everyone is invited to the VFW Post Home for an open house immediately after the ceremony. A light lunch and refreshments will be served. The Home is located at 29412 White Road, just a short distance west of Rockefeller Road.

WHPD tips our badge to the School of Innovation Students of the Month! Congrats as we recognize the following students: 3rd grade - Pearle Fortney, 4th grade - Gavin Consad, 5th grade - Charlotte Perino, 6th grade - Luca Whelan, 7th grade - Vera Wheeler, 8th grade - Grace Starick.



Keep up the good work, and thank you to Principal Bonick and the great staff at SOI for our continued partnership.



Be sure to stop by City Hall as the Fire Department kicks off their annual Toys for Tots campaign!

To donate, purchase a new, unwrapped toy for a child between the ages of newborn and 16. Then bring it one of the two boxes in City Hall—OR bring it with you to Winterfest on Sunday, December 3rd at 5:00pm.

Thank you!





## **City Leaf Pickup**

The City's Service Department has begun leaf pickup and will continue to pickup until the first heavy snowfall. Please note the following:

- Keep leaves within 8 feet of the road.
- Do not block the ditch.
- **Leaves only** (no grass, twigs, or branches).
- **Please slow down** when you see our Leaf Crew out and pass with caution.



The Service Department would like to remind residents that snow plow season is coming up quickly and it's a perfect time to check that mailboxes are secure and not rotted. The City will not be fixing mailboxes unless the plow strikes them. Plow shields are recommended.

## **Deer Management Update:**

On September 28th Council adopted [Ordinance 2023-041](#) which allows white-tailed deer archery hunting within the City. Permit packets are available on the City's website as well as in the lobby of City Hall. Completed packets can also be turned in to the Police Department. **There will be a \$25 fee for every permit issued.**

**PLEASE NOTE**

THE PICKLEBALL, TENNIS COURTS, AND PARK RESTROOMS ARE NOW CLOSED FOR THE SEASON.. THANK YOU!



## **UPCOMING CITY EVENTS:**



### **Saturday, November 4, 2023**

Paper Shred Day

9:00—12:00 PM

City Hall Parking Lot

### **Saturday, November 4, 2023**

**November 10, 2023**

11/4: Photo Contest Entries Due\*

11/10: Reception

### **Saturday, November 18, 2023**

WHPD & Marc's Food Drive\*

10:00 AM—2:00 PM

In front of Marc's at the Shoppes of Willoughby Hills Plaza

### **Sunday, December 3, 2023**

Winterfest

5:00 PM

Willoughby Hills Fire Station

### **December 9, 2023**

Breakfast with Santa

9:00 AM

Community Center

### **December 15-17, 2023**

Judging of Holiday Lights Contest

### **December 18th—21st (rain date 12/22)**

Santa (& Grinch!) Parade

\* = Flyer can be found in e-newsletter.



## **Second Annual** **Senior Citizens' Night Out**

Monday, December 4, 2023

4:00—6:00 P.M.

South High School Cafeteria  
4900 Shankland Road, Willoughby, Ohio 44094

**Free event is open to all area seniors, ages 65 and over.**

The evening will feature band, drama, and choir performances as well as displays of student art and STEM projects.

Doors open at 4:00 P.M. Dinner will be served at 4:30 P.M. followed by student performances.

RSVP to Pam Clair, 440-975-3774 or [pam.clair@weschools.org](mailto:pam.clair@weschools.org)



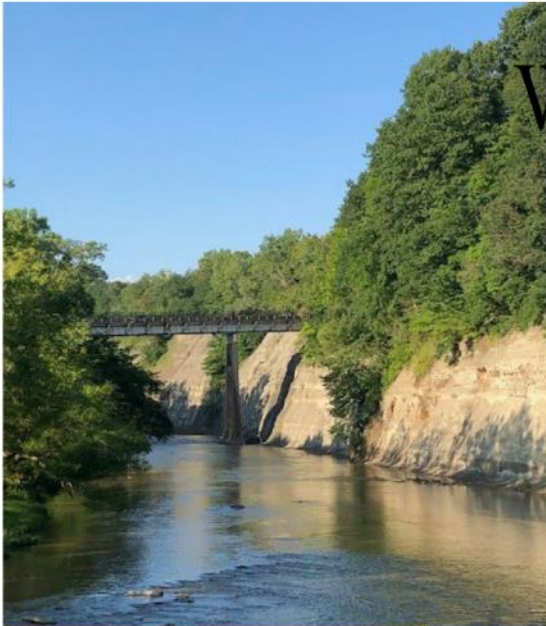
Looking for something fun to do this week? Check out events happening at the Willoughby Hills library! Click [here](#) to see the entire schedule for the month of November in addition to links and descriptions for each event.



Have you had a chance to admire the leaves and take in the crisp Fall air yet? If not, venture over to North Chagrin Metropark before the leaves come down and are buried beneath the snow. Check out what North Chagrin has to offer by clicking [here](#)!



# Willoughby Hills, OH



## FIXED SPEED ENFORCEMENT LOCATIONS:

- Willoughby-Eastlake School of Innovation (32500 Chardon Rd)
- Cornerstone Christian Academy (2845 SOM Center Rd)

## Traffic Safety Enforcement Program

Each year, too many families are affected by crashes caused by speeding. Sadly, the victims of traffic crashes are often occupants of other vehicles who have fallen victim to speeding and careless driving.

Improving traffic safety for residents and visitors is a strategic goal of the Willoughby Hills Police Department. That is why I am so pleased to report that we are implementing a photo enforcement system in Willoughby Hills. The state of the art system is designed to help us encourage safer driving habits and save lives.

Our police officers cannot enforce traffic laws everywhere, all the time. The new enforcement system will allow us to enforce traffic laws in a safer way for the officer and the violator. There are no upfront costs to the taxpayers and, over time, violators will fund this program.

I encourage you to respect the rules of the road – help keep yourself and your neighbors safe and sound. Join me in supporting our new traffic enforcement system.

Sincerely,

Matthew Naegele  
Chief of Police

## Question & Answer



There will be a warning period for the first 30 days, after the program begins.

### Is speeding a public safety concern?

According to the IIHS, speeding is a factor in one-third of all fatal crashes in the U.S., killing more than 10,000 people per year. In addition, according to the NHTSA, speed-related crashes cost the U.S. economy approximately \$40 billion per year.

### How will the new Speed Enforcement Program work to protect lives in Willoughby Hills?

This Traffic Enforcement Program will protect lives by reminding motorists to slowdown and obey speed laws. Automated safety cameras will identify motorists who are breaking the law by exceeding the speed limits. The registered owner of the violating vehicle will receive a traffic citation in the mail.

### What systems will the police department be using?

The Willoughby Hills Police Department will be utilizing handheld and fixed location photo enforcement equipment. In school zones, we have set up fixed location cameras to capture vehicles traveling at an unsafe speed in an effort to keep our children safer. These will be operational only on school days during school hours. The handheld equipment will be used by certified police officers in multiple locations along the interstate and other roadways in the community. The system will be used to identify and ticket speeding vehicles in a manner that is potentially safer for the officer and occupants of the vehicle.

### Does someone double-check the evidence?

Sworn police officers will determine violations. Our vendor will do the initial screenings of information for photo and data quality. Officers will review every violation to verify vehicle information and ensure the vehicle is in violation. These officers will utilize the same standards for photo enforcement as they would with a standard violation event. Upon officer approval, a citation will be mailed to the vehicle owner. The owner will then have the right to pay the citation or exercise a contest process.

### What are the Traffic Enforcement fines in the City of Willoughby Hills?

Speed Over	Fine Amount Owed	Fine if in a Construction or School Zone
1-19 MPH	\$150.00	\$150.00
20-29 MPH	\$200.00	\$200.00
30+ MPH	\$300.00	\$300.00

### Are automated enforcement cameras legal?

Yes. Courts have ruled in favor of a municipality's right to use automated enforcement technology in a fair and judicious manner.

### Will people know when they are entering a School enforcement zone?

Yes. Signs will be posted at every enforced zone, warning drivers that photo enforcement is in use ahead.

### Can I challenge my citation?

Yes. Each citation ticket contains detailed information on how to exercise your due process rights and contest the citation.

### What about privacy? Will I be photographed in my vehicle?

No. Vehicles following traffic laws are not photographed. Additionally, the driver is not visible on the citation.



## WILLOUGHBY HILLS SENIORS, INC.

*Find a group of friends who challenge and inspire you; spend a lot of time with them,  
and it will change your life. (Amy Poehler)*



### SENIOR NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 3, 2023

Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc. is happy to provide this newsletter to you as a way to stay engaged in senior activities in our community.

Interested in being on the Senior Board? Send us an email to [WilloughbyHillsSeniors@yahoo.com](mailto:WilloughbyHillsSeniors@yahoo.com)!

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SENIOR CENTER DUES FOR 2024:** We are in the process of applying for Lake County Senior Tax Levy funding which could provide for the myseniorcenter.com software, providing each member with a key fob for access to the Senior Room. We will send the dues applications out **in 2024** rather than before year end to allow for the new system for each member. We will keep you posted on this new membership amenity.

### Time to Turn the Clocks Back on Sunday, November 5, 2023

It's that time of year again - time to change the clocks for the end of Daylight Savings Time. Fortunately, this is the proverbial time to "fall back," giving ourselves another hour of sleep. Clocks should go back an hour at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5. Cell phones and other smart devices update automatically, but analog and digital clocks not connected to the internet will have to be set back an hour manually.



### HOLIDAY REMINDERS:

THERE WILL BE NO SENIOR POTLUCK ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

Please enjoy your Thanksgiving with your family!

With the holidays coming quickly, please start thinking about a few seniors who could use a little "pick me up" by way of a little basket of goodies from our group. Please email any suggested names to Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc. at: [willoughbyhillsseniors@yahoo.com](mailto:willoughbyhillsseniors@yahoo.com). Thank you!

WHPD will be "Filling a Cruiser" to benefit St. Noel Food Pantry on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10am to 2pm at the Marc's at the Shoppes of Willoughby Hills. Please support this worthwhile endeavor.

### SHOUT OUT TO OUR VETERANS!

Many of our seniors have the distinction of being veterans. Let us take this opportunity to thank you for your sacrifices, your valor, and for protecting and defending our rights. Thank you for your courage, strength and dedication to keeping us safe. May you know how much you are appreciated as we celebrate Veterans' Day on Saturday, November 11.

To honor our veterans, St. Noel Banquet Center's "Browns Tailgate Party" set for Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 1pm will donate a ticket to any veteran who would like to attend to watch the Browns take on the Baltimore Ravens and enjoy Chef Randy's favorite tailgate foods. If you want to donate for a veteran to take advantage of this great lunch/afternoon out, or if you are a veteran who wants to take advantage of this great opportunity, please reach out to Gina at St. Noel at 440-946-0887 prior to Thursday, November 9, 2023. All veterans present will be recognized during halftime.



Thank You  
Veterans  
Dr. Don G. Lorne, General Dentist

= FUN

### BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUMES....ESPECIALLY DURING ELECTION TIME!

EMILIA AS "JACKIE KENNEDY"



GIANNI & LILLIANNA AS MARTHA & GEORGE WASHINGTON



Have a good week! Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc. Board Members  
(Mary Cihula, Laurie Feltham & Gloria Majeski)  
Email: [WilloughbyHillsSeniors@yahoo.com](mailto:WilloughbyHillsSeniors@yahoo.com) Phone: 440-951-0776

# SENIOR ROOM ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

**NOVEMBER 2023**

**Willoughby Hills Seniors, Inc.**

<u>Sun</u>	<u>Mon</u>	<u>Tue</u>	<u>Wed</u>	<u>Thu</u>	<u>Fri</u>	<u>Sat</u>
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm  Paper Shred Day 9am-noon (City Hall)
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Change Clocks Back One Hour for Daylight Savings Time!	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)	Election Day! Remember to Vote!	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon  PODIATRIST (By Appt.) 10am	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm PINOCHLE 6-9pm WH Photo Contest reception	Veteran's Day Holiday!  Veteran's Day Ceremony 11am (O'Ryan Room)  PINOCHLE 6-9pm
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)  COMMUNITY QUILTS 10am-2pm		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon  Quilt Guild Mtg. 7pm	EXERCISE 11am MAHJONG 1pm	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)	NO POTLUCK LUNCH TODAY!  SENIOR TRIVIA 7pm (O'Ryan Room)	BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	Thanksgiving Holiday!	Community Center Building is Closed for Holiday	PINOCHLE 6-9pm
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
	YOGA 1pm (Lions Room)  SACERICH SEWS 12PM-3PM (private)		BRIDGE 12:30-3pm	KNIT/CROCHET 10am to noon		



## OPPORTUNITIES



The City is seeking to fill the following position:

### Part-Time Property Staff Member Full-Time Road Worker



If you or someone you know would like to apply to work with an amazing group of people here at City Hall, this is your chance!

Applications for all open positions can be found [here](#).

Please send applications to  
[asstfinancedirector@willoughbyhills-oh.gov](mailto:asstfinancedirector@willoughbyhills-oh.gov)



## W.H.I.S.P.E.R. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Willoughby Hills Isolated Senior Program for Everyday Relief (W.H.I.S.P.E.R.) committee is looking for volunteers to assist with incoming requests for services. If you think you might like to help out please fill out the volunteer application located [here](#). If you're a senior who would like assistance with things such as raking leaves or yard clean-up, please complete [this application](#) and send it back to City Hall. For W.H.I.S.P.E.R. guidelines, please click [here](#).

**There is currently a need for volunteers for leaf raking assistance on November 12th (rain date November 19th). Please click [here](#) for more details and to volunteer your time!**

## COMMISSION MEMBERS NEEDED

The **Recreation Commission** is seeking new members to assist with the planning and implementation of City recreation events including: Pancake Breakfast, Easter Scavenger Hunt, Fall and Spring Craft Shows, Halloween Party, Winterfest, Christmas Card Lane, the Holiday Lights Contest, the Photo Contest, Breakfast with Santa, and, most recently, MusicFest 2023. Anyone who is interested in becoming a part of the Commission can fill out [this application](#) and deliver it to City Hall.

# WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

## **Wednesday, October 11**

Willowick Senior Center, 9 - 10:30 a.m.  
321 E. 314th Street, Willowick

School of Innovation, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
32500 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills

## **Wednesday, October 18**

Grant Elementary, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
2838 Lost Nation Road, Willoughby

## **Wednesday, October 25**

Willoughby Middle School, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
5000 Shankland Road, Willoughby

## **Wednesday, November 1**

Willoughby Public Library, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
30 Public Square, Willoughby

## **Wednesday, November 8**

Willowick Public Library, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
263 E 305th Street, Willowick

Edison Elementary, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
5288 Karen Isle Drive, Willoughby

## **Wednesday, November 15**

Willoughby Senior Center, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
36939 Ridge Road, Willoughby

**Community members may attend  
any Coffee Talks location.**



## JOIN US!

**At our Coffee Talks with  
Dr. Patrick Ward, Superintendent,  
you will have the opportunity to:**

- ☒ Discuss issues that matter to you
- ☒ Share your ideas and suggestions

## NEW LOCATIONS AND TIMES!

## QUESTIONS?

[pr@weschools.org](mailto:pr@weschools.org)

#MyChoiceWilloughbyEastlake

# 2023 Willoughby Hills Recreation Photo Contest

PHOTOS DUE: November 4 | RECEPTION: November 10

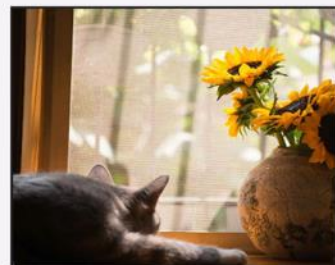
## 2023 CATEGORIES:

- **Working in Willoughby Hills**  
A business, a worker; abstract, literal; Your call.  
Your only restriction: must be taken in Willoughby Hills.
- **Go Green**  
Send us your interpretation.  
(Note: Lots of green space in Willoughby Hills!)
- **Windows and Glass**  
Shiny, reflective. Portals and openings.
- **Fundamentally Family**  
Show us what makes a family special.

## Start taking your photos now!

Entry forms will become available sometime in October.

Follow us on Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/WilloughbyHillsREC>





# BROWNS TAILGATE WATCH PARTY FUNDRAISER

Saint Noel's first watch party was a huge success! With 65 people in attendance, we raised \$3,072!

Join your fellow parishioners and invite family and friends for our second gathering!

Sun., Nov. 12 • 1 PM KICKOFF

## BROWNS V. RAVENS

Join us in the Banquet Center following the 11 AM Mass and enjoy game day food and beverage!

Adults • \$25

Children ages 6-12 • \$10  
(children under 6 • free)

Reserve a table for 8 for \$200

RSVP and pay in advance here:  
[https://stnoel.breezechms.com/  
form/68d4b112](https://stnoel.breezechms.com/form/68d4b112)  
(or call the parish office)

In honor of **Veteran's Day (Nov. 11)**, the committee would like to offer the opportunity to **Sponsor a Veteran** by covering their cost of admission.

Veterans may call the parish office to request to be sponsored:

**(440) 946-0887**

The committee will reach out to the local **VFW Post** to invite a number of veterans to use the donated admission cost!



# **First Covenant Church Community Lunch Saturday, November 18th, 2023 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM**

**First Covenant Church  
29400 Chardon Rd  
Willoughby Hills, Oh 44092  
440-943-3611**

## **Ohio Horseman's Council, Inc.**



### **Our Presenters:**

**Ms. Barbara Jurgens, President  
Ms. Donna Kautz, Vice President  
Ms. Rayneen Tisovic**

### **Lake County Chapter**

Ohio Horseman's Council is a group of fun folks who love to ride and get outdoors with their equine partners. The community lunch presentation will feature guests from the OHC presenting information on this great organization and how to ride or get together out on the trails.



### **LUNCH WILL BE SERVED AT 12:30 PM**

**Menu: Seasonal Luncheon**

**All for only \$7.**

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED!**

**CALL Vicki Otto at 440-781-1555**

**Or Email: [vlojo11301@me.com](mailto:vlojo11301@me.com)**

**Reserve before November 14th**





WILLOUGHBY HILLS POLICE

# Help fight hunger.

## Fill a cruiser.

*one can make a difference*

**F**   **D**  
**DRIVE**

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**NOVEMBER 18 | 10AM-2PM**

Drop off Location: Marc's 27505 Chardon Road, Willoughby Hills

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COMMUNITY PARTNERS:





## BE A PART OF CHRISTMAS CARD LANE!

Christmas is fast approaching and the City of Willoughby Hills is once again putting up their large Christmas card display called Christmas Card Lane. Residents, businesses and non-profits are welcome to provide a 4'x 8' card (on wood or vinyl) and will become part of our holiday display. Cards will be installed between November 20<sup>th</sup> and November 27<sup>th</sup> and will be illuminated until the New Year! All cards will be lit as part of the Winter Fest event on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Click [here](#) for an application and more information!

**ATTENTION**

## **CALLING ALL LOCAL BUSINESSES!**

Are you a Willoughby Hills Business Owner? Do you know of a WH Business who would like their information added to a 2024 City Directory? We are in the process of compiling a list of our local businesses into one directory for distribution to our e-newsletter subscribers in early 2024.

We appreciate our Willoughby Hills businesses and want our residents to appreciate them just as much by supporting local! If you'd like to be included in the directory, please fill out [this form](#) and return by December 16, 2023. Thank you!



If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out:  
City of Willoughby Hills,  
35405 Chardon Road,  
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094  
440-946-1234 and ask for Mayor Gardner's Office.

**HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK!**

